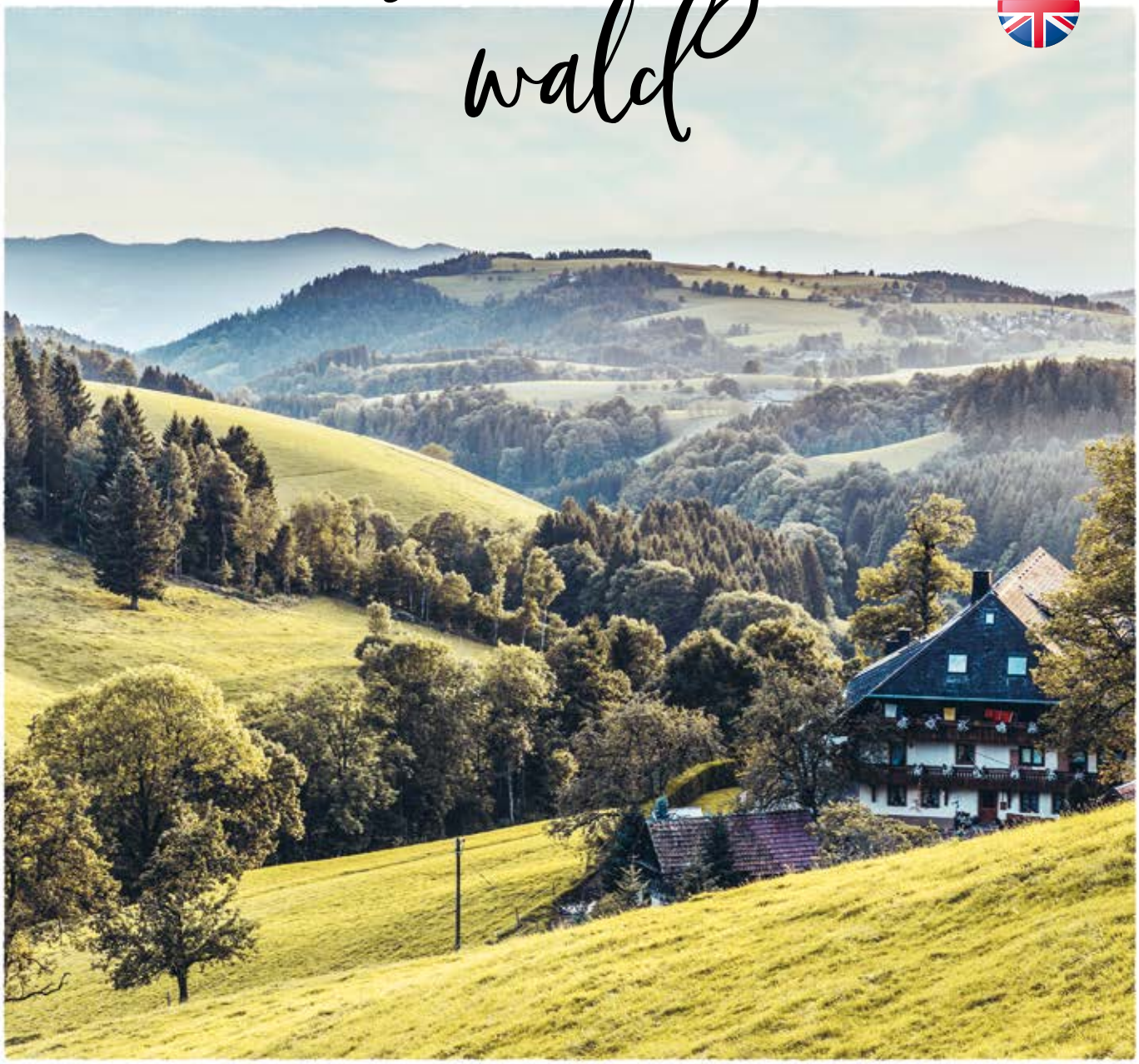
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Authentic

From cuckoo clocks to cherry cake

Relaxation

Vacation in an idyllic setting

Active

Become one with nature

A holiday.

AT ITS BEST IN THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS

Take a deep breath

How wonderful it is to listen to the cheerful ticking of a cuckoo clock. Or to feel the clean air on your skin, to smell the scent of fresh pine needles, and to experience excellent regional cuisine. Welcome to the Black Forest Highlands – a place where traditions are strong and stories start. Where you can climb to the top of the Black Forest, the Feldberg mountain, and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views all the way to the Alps. And where you can cross the wild and romantic Wutach Gorge, Germany's largest canyon, or explore enchanted forests with rushing mountain streams.

From the source of the river Danube, which winds its way through Europe, to the deep blue of Lake Titisee and the wide and high valleys. The opportunities to experience nature in the Black Forest Highlands are as varied as the landscape itself.

Whether you're cycling past blooming spring meadows, cooling off in a lake on a hot summer's day, hiking through colourful autumn forests, or exploring in the glittering ice and snow – the Black Forest Highlands are worth a trip at every time of year. Allow yourself to be enchanted by the magic of this unique region and discover your very own Black Forest fairy tale!





The Black Forest Highlands. Simply unique.

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Typical BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS

Some things are only to be found here – and they make the Black Forest Highlands unique. From one-of-a-kind animals through to artisanal masterpieces and historical pioneering achievements. Discover what makes our region so distinctive!

Glassblowing

Tradition at its very best: at the glassblowing workshops in the Black Forest Highlands, hot glass is fashioned into sophisticated works of art. Visitors can see the artisans practising this age-old tradition and buy beautiful unique products at the adjacent shops.

The world's first ski lift

The people of the Black Forest Highlands have long since known a thing or two about skiing: in 1904, to make the ascent easier for skiers, the world's first ever ski lift entered operation at the Schneckenhof Inn in Schollach. In the past and still today, those who love winter sports will find the perfect terrain here – with slopes, cross-country trails, lifts and lots of fun in the snow.

Black Forest Cake

Delicious Black Forest Cake is a world-famous German speciality and one that has a long tradition in the Black Forest Highlands. In this respect, equal importance is attributed to tradition as it is to innovation, and the top priority is always the taste.

The Cuckoo Clock

The Black Forest Highlands are the home of the cuckoo clock. Classic and modern variations of these clocks have been made here for many generations – often in small family businesses. They are available at local workshops and clock-makers to suit every taste, made with a mechanical heart and traditional Black Forest craftsmanship.

The Black Forest Horse

Strong, charming and with lots of character – the Black Forest Horse is much more than just a beautiful horse with a blond mane. This good-natured all-rounder is bred in and around St. Märgen to this day. Whether leading a carriage or on a saddle – its gentle nature and endurance make it the ideal companion.

The Black Forest farms

They are part of the local scenery: the impressive Black Forest farms, with their long eaves, white-washed walls and colourful flower boxes. With some farms dating back hundreds of years, they are the epitome of rural idyll. Anyone hiking or cycling around the Black Forest Highlands, or even those staying overnight, are certain to catch a glimpse of them.

Schellsch halt mol

... means "just ring the bell" in the local dialect – which is how hospitality works in the Black Forest Highlands. As part of the "Schellsch halt mol" initiative, local people open their doors to guests. It's an opportunity to learn travel tips, listen to stories, and for genuine encounters – for free and with lots of warmth.

Black Forest Ham

Another major export from the Black Forest is the wafer-thin, finely smoked raw ham, which is available in the Black Forest Highlands in a variety of different versions and is served at many local restaurants. Whether it's with a selection of cold meats and cheeses or packaged as a gift, this speciality is always a delight for the eyes and the palate.

WHERE HIKERS' HEARTS BEAT FASTER

The Black Forest Highlands premium hiking region is a paradise for all those who want to discover the great outdoors on foot. Sunny mountain views, winding forest paths and the gentle rushing of crystal-clear streams accompany you on your walk.

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Whether you're seeking a challenge and want to hike to the peaks along demanding trails and through impressive canyons, or you're planning a more relaxing walk with the family, the Black Forest Highlands offer a wide variety of hiking opportunities.

The certified premium trails are the ideal choice for half or full day of walking. The premium circular hiking trails stand out with their excellent signposting and nature-friendly routes away from roads and villages, and will reward you with magnificent views. For hiking experiences that last several days, long-distance trails such as the Albsteig Black Forest and the Schluchtensteig invite you on a more immersive tour of the Black Forest Highlands. Discover the variety of the scenery, from wide panoramas and exhilarating peaks, to peaceful moorland and rushing waterfalls! Along the way, you'll find numerous huts and cosy places to stop for refreshments.

The unique high-altitude climate of the Black Forest Highlands doesn't just make hiking here a unique experience in nature, but also benefits your body and mind. The fresh air and pleasant coolness offer ideal conditions for active recuperation. Those who wish to explore the region under expert guidance can join guided hiking tours with our rangers and experienced guides.





↑ RAPPENFELSEN CLIMB
This premium trail leads through the deepest primeval woodland in the Black Forest, passing numerous viewpoints. In good weather, you can see as far as the Alps!

← HEALTHY CLIMATE CLIMB
Relax on a Shinrin-Yoku tour and enjoy panoramic views of the Black Forest Highlands.



Traditional Black Forest farms are waiting to be discovered along the hiking trails – some of which have farm shops or offer refreshments.

Discover the many different hiking trails now and find your dream walk in the Black Forest Highlands →

Full power ON TWO WHEELS

The varied cycling region of the Black Forest Highlands provides numerous opportunities for enjoying the freedom offered by two wheels. Whether it's varied day trips, challenging multi-day rides or uphill climbs with e-assistance – this is where you'll experience your own personal biking adventure.





GRAVEL BIKE

For gravel enthusiasts, the Black Forest Highlands are a true highlight. Over 1,600 kilometres of challenging terrain await your tyres. Steep climbs, gentle plateaus, and exhilarating descents are all waiting to be conquered. Bikepacking trips here become unforgettable experiences, but even a quick after-work ride will lift your mood!

Get started now and discover your ultimate biking experience in the Black Forest Highlands! Find further information and the best routes here →



MOUNTAIN BIKE

If you're a mountain biker, you'll also find some great challenges in the Black Forest Highlands. Demanding climbs will test your strength, while adrenaline-pumping descents will put your biking skills to the test. Impressive scenery and magnificent views will be your constant companions.





The Lakes Cycle Path connects the most beautiful parts of the Black Forest Highlands: woodland, great views, mountains and of course, lakes – don't forget your swimming gear!

E-BIKE

The E-bike opens up new possibilities. Steep climbs are no longer daunting and long distances become enjoyable adventures. Discover scenic routes and new favourite spots along the Black Forest Highlands Lakes Cycle Path, for example, which connects numerous sights and natural beauty.



Your winter fairy tale: MORE THAN JUST SNOW





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The Black Forest Highlands have a special atmosphere in the winter – whether the landscape shimmers with glistening white or shows itself in clear, cold colours. Here, you can enjoy active days in the crisp winter air and find wonderful peace and quiet in the picturesque surroundings.
A winter experience tailored to your tastes awaits you!







This region is the home of both skiing and the world's first ski lift. The mountains of the Black Forest Highlands are perfectly suited to both beginners and professional skiers alike.

There are countless opportunities to explore the winter landscape on skis throughout the region. Skiers and snowboarders will find a variety of slopes and numerous lifts around the Feldberg mountain, ensuring a personalised snow experience. If you prefer cross-country skiing, an extensive network of trails wends its way throughout the Black Forest Highlands, taking you through the most beautiful winter scenery.

For lovers of nature, designated snowshoe trails provide the perfect opportunity to explore the wintry landscape. And on the winter hiking trails, you can enjoy sunny high-altitude locations and breathtaking views. Looking for a little more action? Then head to one of the toboggan runs – some of which are illuminated in the evenings!

And boredom isn't on the menu here, even when Mother Nature takes a break. Many of the hiking trails are accessible year-round, with swimming pools, saunas, indoor playgrounds, and museums offering fantastic experiences whatever the weather. Your winter in the Black Forest Highlands is guaranteed to be unforgettable – and just as you like it.

Discover your winter happiness in the Black Forest Highlands now →

SPRING
Summer
AUTUMN
Winter



THE YEAR IN THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS



Refresh yourself in the summer

Our wealth of clear mountain lakes and natural pools are great places to cool off.



Above the fog line

Instead of grey fog, the high-altitude areas feature wonderfully colourful displays in the autumn, attracting hikers, artists and enthusiasts.



Awakening of nature in the spring

When everything blossoms, the scenery comes into its own at a variety of holiday resorts. Flowering dandelions attract spring guests every year.



Snow-covered mountain idyll

On a snowshoe walk on the Feldberg mountain.

FEEL LIKE REFRESHING YOURSELF?

Mountain air and bathing fun

Longing for a break from the summer heat? Then the Black Forest Highlands are your perfect retreat. Up here, where the air is noticeably fresher, a soothing coolness awaits you, revitalising your body and mind alike.

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The dark woodland of the Black Forest Highlands is akin to a natural air conditioning system. It provides welcome shade on your hikes and protects you from the rays of the sun. And what could be better than dipping your tired feet into the clear, cool water of a mountain lake? The world-famous Lake Titisee invites you to swim and relax. At Lake Schluchsee, a wide range of water sports awaits you, from sailing and canoeing to stand-up paddle-boarding. Discover the charming open-air swimming pools and natural bathing spots, often picturesquely integrated into the landscape, which – thanks to heated pools, for instance – offer swimming fun for the whole family, also on cooler summer days.

Another highlight of your summer holiday in the Black Forest Highlands is the abundance of waterfalls. Like cool showers, they line the trails, offering welcome cooling on hot days. Whether you decide to spend sunny days by the lake or explore the shady forest trails on a hike, the Black Forest Highlands offer the perfect summer getaway. The crisp air invigorates your senses, while the cool forests and refreshing lakes provide a welcome respite from the summer heat. Look forward to relaxing and active days in this unique region!



↑ CANOEING ON LAKE SCHLUCHSEE
Lake Schluchsee is the perfect opportunity to explore the highest lake in the Black Forest from the water.



The small Windgfällweiher reservoir is picturesquely framed by shady trees and is considered an insider's tip among the bathing lakes.



↑ COOL OFF AND ENJOY ON THE WATERFALL TRAIL
This premium hiking trail refreshes hikers with its two natural waterfalls.

Discover your destinations for refreshing summer days in the Black Forest Highlands now →

A friendly host – YOUR HOLIDAY HOME

Whether you're seeking peace and quiet in nature or feel like being pampered – you'll find a wide variety of accommodation in the Black Forest Highlands. Suitable lodgings for every occasion and need along with warm and welcoming hosts will make your stay in the Black Forest Highlands unforgettable.



† ACCOMMODATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY – *Whether you'd prefer a holiday at a farm or a family hotel with varied activities for children – there's something for every family here.*



† A SOCIABLE TIME IN THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS – *Whether it's a games night, a restaurant or an event – this is where you can easily strike up a conversation with strangers.*



† SCHELLSCH HALT MOL – *means "just ring the bell" in the local dialect: are you seeking a genuine insider's tip which you won't find in any travel guide? Many of the local people are taking part. You will find the Schellsch halt mol sign next to their doorbell.*



† WELLNESS – *In the numerous wellness hotels and at hosts with spa facilities, your body and soul can find peace and you can recharge your batteries.*



Enjoying the sunset at Lake Schluchsee from the comfort of a tree tent and then gazing at the endless starry sky through the open roof: a fairy tale overnight accommodation option.

How about an exciting holiday at an idyllic Black Forest farmhouse? This is where children can get to know the farm animals and breathe in the fresh country air. Or would you prefer to relax at a comfortable luxury hotel with a spa area? And for those seeking freedom and flexibility, holiday apartments and campsites offer the ideal starting point for unforgettable holiday experiences together with friends and family. For adventurous types, unique accommodation options are available which are guaranteed to be memorable: sleep like a log in an age-old cottage, enjoy the views of the starry sky in a bubble tent, or snuggle up in a converted cable car gondola!

Regardless of which type of accommodation you choose, one thing is certain: the warm hospitality of our hosts in the Black Forest Highlands will make your holiday truly special.

Find your perfect home for a dream holiday in the Black Forest Highlands →











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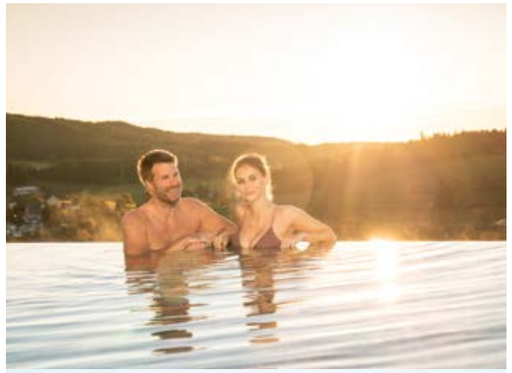
Culinary & Wellness. AT ITS BEST IN THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS

Allow yourself to be seduced by a region that pampers both your body and soul: the Black Forest Highlands are a paradise for those seeking both culinary delights and relaxing moments of well-being. From the sweet temptation of the world-famous Black Forest cake to restorative hours in luxurious wellness oases – a delightful variety awaits you here which is appealing to all the senses.

The culinary scene in the Black Forest Highlands is very varied: from rustic mountain huts and cosy inns to Michelin-starred restaurants, there's something for everyone. Allow yourself to be surprised by creative chefs who reinterpret traditional Black Forest cuisine!

Discover the regional delicacies of our Nature Park restaurants who passionately transform seasonal ingredients from the immediate surroundings into refined dishes! Regional products for your home are available at numerous markets and farm shops, where you can buy cheese, eggs, and honey directly from the producer – a treat for everyone who values quality and regionality.

And if you're looking for relaxation for body and mind after all these culinary discoveries, a wide range of wellness options awaits you. In the comfortable wellness hotels and spas, you can unwind with a soothing massage or recharge at a luxurious sauna.





↑ **WELLNESS** – *Treat yourself to a break in one of the idyllic wellness hotels in the Black Forest.*

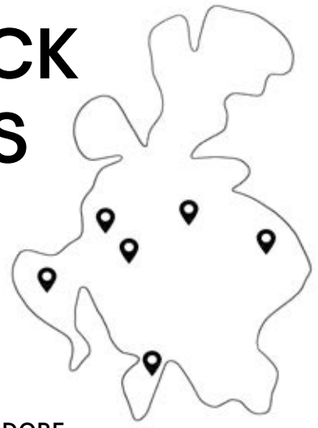


The young chefs of the Next Generation all work at their parents' businesses or have taken them over. They are ambitious and innovative, and it shows in the taste. In their recipe book "Heimatküche" (local cuisine), they reveal some of their favourite recipes.

Experience the delightful variety of the Black Forest Highlands – a journey for all the senses →

YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS

Ready for unforgettable experiences? Here you will find a selection of our most popular excursion tips which will make you want more and provide for unforgettable moments.



ST. BLASIEN



Dom St. Blasius

Immerse yourself in the impressive history and architecture of St. Blasius Cathedral! With a circumference of 36 metres and a height of 62 metres, it is considered the largest of its kind north of the Alps.

Experience the tranquillity of this unique place of worship or visit the cathedral as part of a guided tour or during a concert!

LÖFFINGEN & BONNDORF



Wutachschlucht

The Wutach Gorge is a true experience in nature and an ideal destination for hikers. The wild and unspoilt river landscape will captivate you at every turn. This is where you'll discover rare plants, fascinating butterflies, and a captivating piece of geological history.

FELDBERG



Feldbergturm

Experience the Black Forest Highlands from high up! The Feldberg Tower is situated on the highest mountain in Baden-Württemberg. With the lift, you can easily reach the viewpoint platform on the 11th floor of the tower at a height of 45 metres.

From there you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views over the Black Forest, the Vosges mountains and the Alps. Discover exciting exhibitions and the Black Forest Ham Museum in the Feldberg Tower.

HINTERZARTEN



Schwarzwälder Skimuseum

Experience the fascinating world of skiing in the Black Forest Highlands! From the beginnings to the present day – the Ski Museum presents the development of skis and equipment and the successes of our winter sports heroes like Georg Thoma. And make sure you try out the new VR ski jumping experience developed by Europa Park!

TITISEE-NEUSTADT



Badeparadies Schwarzwald

Get away from it all and enjoy the vibes of the Mediterranean all year round at the Spa and Water Paradise "Badeparadies Schwarzwald"! Whether it's action-packed slides in the Galaxy, relaxing moments in the Palms Oasis or sauna fun at the Palais Vital – this is where you can find your personal water paradise.

TODTNAU



BLACKFORESTLINE

Feel the thrill! On the 450-metre-long Blackforestline suspension bridge over the Todtnau Waterfall, you'll float above the treetops and experience nature from a completely new perspective. An unforgettable adventure awaits you.

Find even more tips for your time in the Black Forest Highlands here →

Family holiday AT ITS BEST IN THE BLACK FOREST HIGHLANDS

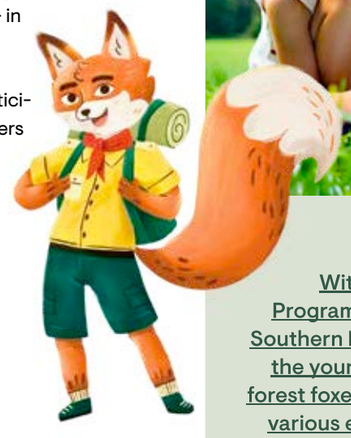
Boredom? Not here! Whether you're traveling as a small family or with grandma, grandpa and the whole gang – shared experiences are created here that you'll remember long after your holiday is over.

In Baden-Württemberg's largest, award-winning family-friendly region, with its family accommodation ranging from farm stays to 4-star hotels, not to mention its many restaurants and service partners, you and your children can enjoy exceptionally enjoyable days. Any number of adventures await your discovery. Climb to dizzying heights in the climbing park, speed along child-friendly bike paths, solve tricky puzzles on the local paper chase events and geocaching tours, or embark on exciting themed hikes with Ferdinand the Gnome, Evernius Flechtel, or Kuhnigunde the Cow, discovering fascinating secrets along the way.

Those who love being in the water also find a true paradise: whether it's one of the numerous indoor or outdoor swimming pools, or the idyllic bathing lakes, you can splash, play, and unwind to your heart's content. And for those seeking more action, the region's leisure parks offer unforgettable experiences for the whole family.

TONI "WÄLDERFUCHS" FOREST FOX

Our new family mascot, Toni the "Wälderfuchs" forest fox, will be joining you. Daring, curious, and cheeky, Toni loves roaming the woods and sharing his knowledge with you. With the Forest Fox Children's Programme – in cooperation with the Southern Black Forest Nature Park – even the youngest of children can become forest foxes themselves by participating in various events and collecting stickers in the accompanying collector's passport.



And this is also possible on our selected children's trails. And it goes without saying that a little reward is waiting for them.
Or borrow the nature explorer's rucksack with our Forest Fox nature explorer book!



← TONI'S NATURALISTS
This is where children quickly become naturalists. Guided by the joyful illustrations, they playfully learn to understand their surrounding environment.



FOREST FOX COLLECTOR'S PASSPORT →
This passport turns hiking into a collecting adventure, as great prizes ultimately await in exchange for the collected items.



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↑ PLAY AND DISCOVER – *Whether it's on our themed trails, when swimming, or in play areas.*





Discover your family adventures ↓

More than 100 experiences at no cost with your free-of-charge Red Card!

In the mood for lots of free experiences? With the Red Card, you get one-time free admission to around 100 top attractions. This makes your holiday an unbeatable experience and the Red Card your ideal companion.

It's easy: With a stay of two nights or more at participating hosts, you get the Red Card free of charge, which gives you access to numerous highlights.

Discovering exciting exhibitions in the many museums, spending an action-packed day at a leisure park, or conquering the many varied ski slopes in winter – your Red Card makes it all possible! Swimming pools, mini-golf courses, the spectacular Todtnau suspension bridge and much more are waiting to be discovered.

As a cardholder, you also benefit from attractive discounts on other attractions such as the Spa and Water Paradise "Badeparadies Schwarzwald" or the multiday tickets for the Feldberg Cable Car. This way, you maximise your holiday experience and save money at the same time.

What are you waiting for? Discover the variety of the Black Forest Highlands and enjoy countless holiday experiences – with your free Red Card!

Are you ready for your adventure in the Black Forest Highlands?



Explore Lake Titisee on the water for free with the Red Card.

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Discover all card activities →



† **SKIING** – *The ski resorts in the Black Forest Highlands are ideal for families. At many locations with the Red Card, tickets for the ski lifts are available free of charge or at discounted prices.*



† **ALPACA HIKE** – *The cuddly looking, furry companions enjoy contact with children and all young adults who respect their quirks.*



† **SPA AND WATER PARADISE "BADEPARADIES SCHWARZWALD"** – *Relaxation under palm trees and numerous themed saunas or fun and action on 23 water slides.*



† **BLACKFORESTLINE** – *The suspension bridge over the Todtnau Waterfall offers unique views in every direction.*

Something is always happening

AT EVENTS LARGE AND SMALL



↑ CARNIVAL PARADE IN FURTWANGEN

Whether it's traditional festivals, top sports events or fascinating art and culture – a varied calendar of events awaits you in the Black Forest Highlands. In addition to the large events, the diverse children's holiday programme, interesting guided walks, lively theatre performances and concerts fill visitors with enthusiasm.



↑ RAVENNA GORGE CHRISTMAS MARKET BREITNAU



↑ LAKE TITISEE LAKESIDE FESTIVAL



↑ ST. MÄRGEN HORSE FESTIVAL

In the warm summer evenings, numerous lakeside festivals, town festivals and lights festivals are an invitation to mix with local people and other visitors. Enjoy music, culinary delights and atmospheric lighting at the lakes, in the parks, and in the towns. Special highlights for horse lovers include the annual Eulogi Ride in Lenzkirch in June, where a magnificent procession of riders parades through the town in honour of the patron saint of horses, and the Horse Festival in St. Märgen. This traditional festival, which takes place every three years in September, revolves entirely around the Black Forest Horse.

Immerse yourself in the magical atmosphere of the unique Christmas market in the Ravenna Gorge during the Advent season. Beneath the imposing viaduct, traditional crafts, festive music and regional specialties await you. Winter sports enthusiasts will be thrilled by the FIS World Cups in Lake Titisee-Neustadt, Schonach, and on the Feldberg mountain. Cheer on the world's elite in ski jumping, Nordic combination and alpine skiing! You can also enjoy exciting exhibitions, entertaining family activities, and much more throughout the year. Discover the varied range of events on offer in the Black Forest Highlands!

Discover more events →

DISCOVER THE REGION



Our information brochures contain plenty of tips for your holiday in the Black Forest Highlands; they are available free of charge at all tourist information offices or online: **hochschwarzwald.de/brochures**

Learn more about the Black Forest Highlands

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